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SUBJECT MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE 1977: DRC DISCUSSION OF THIRD DRAFT

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SUMMARY: IN EXTENDED DRAFTING SESSIONS APRIL 5-6, THE
DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) COMPLETED DISCUSSION OF
THIRD DRAFT OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE 1977. COMMITTEE WAS
UNABLE TO AGREE ON A RESOURCE FORMULA, THOUGH SEVERAL REPS
SUPPORTED AN ANNUAL REAL INCREASE OF 3 PER CENT. SCOPE OF
THE ALLIANCE COOPERATION SECTION WAS EXPANDED TO ENCOMPASS
INTEROPERABILITY OF COMMUNICATIONS, CIVIL SUPPORT AND THE
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM. PRIORITIES SECTION WAS RETAINED
WITH EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SUBSECTION BRACKETED. GUIDANCE
SECTION WAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE "TRADE-OFFS" FOR NATIONS
AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES. ONLY US AND CANADA FAVORED INCLUSION
OF A SUBSECTION ON GUIDANCE TO PERMREPS. DRC WILL DIS-
CUSS NEXT DRAFT EARLY IN THE WEEK OF APRIL 18. END SUMMARY.
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1. OPENING DISCUSSION OF THIRD DRAFT OF MINISTERIAL
GUIDANCE 1977 (REF A), CHAIRMAN (ASYG MUMFORD) COMMENTED
THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF INTENDED TO PRODUCE A
CONCISE, PUNCY DOCUMENT, BUT BECAUSE OF COMMITTEE
AMENDMENTS, THE DOCUMENT HAD GROWN IN LENGTH, AND CALLED
ON THE DRC TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT TO AVOID FURTHER
EXPANSION. HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSION FOLLOW.

2. SECTION I, INTRODUCTION. COMMITTEE AGREED TO AMEND
PARA 1 TO NOTE THE PLANNING PERIOD COVERED BY THIS GUIDANCE

AND, AT GERMANINSISTENCE, TO PROMOTE THE REFERENCE TO CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING FROM PARA 27 TO PARA 2.

3. SECTION II, NATO OBJECTIVES. AT FRG REP'S (CAPT WELZ) SUGGESTION, DRC DELETED THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 5 AND MODIFIED THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 6, ADDING A REFERENCE TO THE ALLIANCE'S TWIN OBJECTIVES OF DEFENSE AND DETENTE.

4. SECTION III, MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE AND LONG-RANGE DEFENSE CONCEPT: DUTCH (WYNAENDTS) AND FRG REPS PROPOSED DELETION OF SECTION AND INCLUSION OF SOME REFERENCE TO THE LONG-RANGE DEFENSE CONCEPT (LRDC) IN THE ALLIANCE COOPERATION SECTION. CANADIAN REP (COL OLSON), SUPPORTED BY US REP (BADER), STATED THAT THIS SECTION IS ESSENTIAL TO SET THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE GUIDANCE. COMMITTEE AGREED WITH US REP'S PROPOSALS TO (A) CHANGE THE SECTION TITLE TO READ "LONG-RANGE DEFENSE CONCEPT," (B) RETAIN ONLY THE FIRST CLAUSE OF PARA 7 AND FOLLOW THIS PHRASE WITH PRESENT PARA 8, AND (C) AMEND PARA 9 TO NOTE THAT IN IMPLEMENTING THE LRDC IN THE PLANNING PERIOD, THE ALLIANCE MUST TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE ADVERSE TRENDS WHICH HAVE EMERGED. AT UK REP'S (PETERS) INSISTENCE BRACKETED LANGUAGE REAFFIRMING THE VALIDITY OF 1975 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, WILL BE IN THE NEXT DRAFT. MAJORITY OF DRC SUPPORTED US REP'S POSITION THAT, IN ORDER TO CONFORM TO THE CONSENSUS FOR A SELF-CONTAINED DOCUMENT, ONLY THE LRDC, NOT THE ENTIRE 75 GUIDANCE, SHOULD BE REAFFIRMED.

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5. SECTION IV, RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.

A. GENERAL (PARA 10). DRC QUICKLY AGREED TO DELETE THE FIRST SENTENCE, REFORMULATE THE SECOND SENTENCE, AND PROMOTE PARA 16 (DEFENSE EFFORT) TO THIS PARA.

B. NUCLEAR FORCES (PARA 11). COMMITTEE ACCEPTED FRG ADDITION NOTING THE EXPECTED DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR ARTILLERY.

C. CONVENTIONAL FORCES (PARA 12). THIS PARA WAS REVISED INTO A MORE GENERAL, INTRODUCTORY TONE WITH THE PRESENT LANGUAGE ON GROUND, TACTICAL AIR AND MARITIME DEVELOPMENTS REORGANIZED IN SUBPARAS. ONLY MINOR MODIFICATIONS WERE MADE IN THESE SUBPARAS.

D. SPECIALIZED CAPABILITIES (PARA 15). DRC AGREED WITH DUTCH AND UK SUGGESTIONS TO DEVOTE A SEPARATE PARA TO CHEMICAL WARFARE AND COVER ELECTRONIC WARFARE UNDER PARA 12.

E. DEFICIENCIES IN THE ALLIED RESPONSE (PARAS 17, 18). NO SUPPORT WAS SHOWN FOR DUTCH PROPOSAL TO MOVE THESE PARAS TO THE END OF SECTION V. DRC AGREED TO AMEND PARA 17 BY DELETING THE FIRST SENTENCE AND ADDING A REFERENCE TO THE 1976 DEFENSE REVIEW. FRG REP, SUPPORTED BY US REP, SUGGESTED THE ADDITION OF CHEMICAL WARFARE AND CIVIL-MILITARY COORDINATION TO THE LIST OF ALLIED DEFICIENCIES IN PARA 18. DUTCH, ITALIAN (ADM PATRELLI), UK AND MILITARY COMMITTEE (CDRE GELUYCKENS) REPS ARGUED FOR THE DELETION OF THE ENTIRE LIST. THE DRC COULD NOT REACH A CONSENSUS AND THE LISTING OF DEFICIENCIES WILL BE IN BRACKETS IN THE NEXT DRAFT.

6. SECTION V, IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO.

A. COMMITTEE ADOPTED BELGIAN REP'S (GEN TAYMANS) SUGGESTION TO BEGIN PARA 19 WITH A REFERENCE TO THE GROWING DISPARITY IN CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITIES BETWEEN NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT.

B. NATO STRATEGY (PARA 20). FRG REP PROPOSED THE SUBSTITUTION OF PARAS 17-20 OF 75 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE FOR THE PRESENT PARA. UK AND US REPS EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF BONN'S DESIRE TO REAFFIRM CLEARLY NATO STRETEGY AND THE PURPOSE OF ALLIANCE FORCES, BUT NOTED

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THAT REPEATING LARGE SECTIONS OF 75 GUIDANCE WOULD GREATLY EXPAND THE PRESENT DOCUMENT. CHAIRMAN AND OTHER REPS STRONGLY OPPOSED FRG PROPOSAL AND DRC ACCEPTED DUTCH SUGGESTION TO LEAVE PARA 20 INTACT AND PLACE THE RELEVANT PARAS FROM THE 75 GUIDANCE IN AN ANNEX.

C. WARNING OF WAR (PARA 21). DRC ACCEPTED A SUBSTITUTE TEXT OFFERED BY CANADIAN REP, WHICH PLACES SOMEWHAT GREATER STRESS ON REDUCED WARNING ATTACK.

D. CRISIS MANAGEMENT (PARA 22). AT FRG REP'S REQUEST, COMMITTEE AGREED TO ADD A PHRASE NOTING THE NEED TO AVOID UNNECESSARY ESCALATION DURING PERIODS OF TENSION.

E. FORCE STANDARDS (PARA 24). NO SUPPORT WAS SHOWN FOR NORWEGIAN REP'S (HEIDENSTROEM) PROPOSAL TO ADD THE PHRASE "TAKING INTO ACCOUNT REGIONAL CONSIDERATIONS" AT THE END OF THE PARA. SHAPE REP (BGEN SCHWEITZER) ARGUED THAT THIS WOULD SO WEAKEN THE PARA S TO ALLOW EACH NATION TO SET ITS OWN FORCE STANDARDS. NORWEGIAN REP SAID HE WOULD ASK HIS AUTHORITIES TO RECONSIDER.

F. READY FORCES (PARA 25). DRC ADOPTED DUTCH SUGGESTION TO DELETE THE LAST CLAUSE OF THE FIRST SENTENCE AND THE ENTIRE SECOND SENTENCE, NOTING THAT FORCE STANDARDS WERE ADEQUATELY COVERED IN THE PRECEDING PARA. NO SUPPORT EMERGED FOR DUTCH ADDITION OF A
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SENTENCE NOTING THAT NEARLY ONE-HALF OF ALLIANCE COMBAT BRIGADES ARE POSITIONED MORE THAN 100 KM FROM THEIR GDPS.

G. RESERVE FORCES (PARA 26). UK REP STATED THAT THIS PARA SHOULD BE OF GENERAL APPLICATION RATHER THAN REFERRING SOLELY TO EUROPEAN RESERVES AND PROPOSED THAT THE REFERENCE TO ACE AND UK RESERVE IN THE FIRST SENTENCE BE DELETED. US AND CANADIAN REPS NOTED THE NEED TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE RESERVES AND EXTERNAL REINFORCEMENTS, WHICH ARE COVERED IN PARA 27. MC AND SHAPE REPS STATED THAT ADDITION OF THE PHRASE "ASSIGNED AND EARMARKED RESERVE FORCES" WOULD INDICATE THIS DISTINCTION.

H. REINFORCEMENTS (PARA 27). NO SUPPORT WAS SHOWN FOR FRG LANGUAGE SUGGESTING THE NEED FOR A "CONTINGENCY PROGRAM" TO ENSURE THAT EXTERNAL REINFORCEMENTS WILL ARRIVE IN TIME TO AFFECT THE INITIAL COURSE OF HOSTILITIES. MOST REPS NOTED THAT THE PRESENT DRAFT ADEQUATELY COVERED THIS AREA.

I. MARITIME (PARA 29). AT UK SUGGESTION, DRC AGREED TO ADD LANGUAGE FOLLOWING THE THIRD SENTENCE REFERRING TO THE NEED TO MATCH NAVAL CAPABILITIES TO THE TASK AT HAND.

J. AFTER EXTENDED DEBATE, COMMITTEE AGREED WITH US AND DUTCH REPS' SUGGESTION TO INCORPORATE THE DISCUSSION OF NAVAL TECHNOLOGY IN PARA 30 IN THE NEW TECHNOLOGY PARA (35). AT US REP'S INSISTENCE, WITH CANADIAN AND DUTCH SUPPORT, THE REMAINDER OF PARA 30, REFERRING TO THE NEED FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF MARITIME STRATEGY, WILL BE BRACKETED IN THE NEXT DRAFT. THE UK, SUPPORTED BY THE CHAIRMAN, ARGUED FOR ITS RETENTION.

K. LOGISTICS AND SUPPORT FACILITIES (PARA 32). DRC ACCEPTED US REP'S SUGGESTION TO AMEND THE TITLE TO INCLUDE WAR RESERVES, BUT OPPOSED MOVING THIS PARA TO THE ALLIANCE COOPERATION SECTION.

L. NEW TECHNOLOGY (PARA 35). DRC AGREED TO (1) AMEND THE FIRST SENTENCE TO CORRESPOND MORE CLOSELY TO THE WORDS OF THE MIT CONCLUSIONS AND (2) ADD LANGUAGE NOTING THAT THE EXPENSE AND LONG LEAD TIMES ASSOCIATED WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY HIGHLIGHT THE NEED FOR LONG-TERM PLANNING, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS MARITIME FORCES.

7. SECTION VI, RESOURCES AND DEFENSE. COMMITTEE AGREED TO DUTCH PROPOSAL TO REVERSE THE ORDER OF SECTIONS VI AND VII AND ACCEPTED CONFIDENTIAL

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PARAS 36 AND 37 WITH ONLY MINOR CHANGE, BUT WAS UNABLE TO AGREE ON THE RESOURCE FORMULA IN PARA 38. BELGIAN, NORWEGIAN, TURKISH (OZCERI) AND US REPS FAVORED A FLOOR OF AT LEAST 3 PERCENT. SHAPE

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REP COMMENTED THAT, BASED ON PRELIMINARY REVIEW, IMPLEMENTATION OF SACEUR'S 1979-84 FORCE PROPOSALS WILL REQUIRE ANNUAL REAL INCREASES OF ABOUT 3 PERCENT PER COUNTRY. DUTCH REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES COULD ACCEPT "APPROACHING 3 PERCENT," OR A "NATO AVERAGE" OF 3-4 PERCENT. DANISH (JENSEN, ITALIAN, FRG AND UK REPS SUGGESTED THAT NO FIGURES BE MENTIONED, COMMENTING THAT THE MOST THEIR AUTHORITIES COULD ACCEPT WOULD BE A RANGE SIMILAR TO THE LANGUAGE OF 75 GUIDANCE. CANADIAN, FRG AND PORTUGUESE (CATARINO) WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS POINT, BUT FRG REP LEFT LITTLE DOUBT AS TO HIS EXPECTED INSTRUCTIONS AND A PREFERENCE FOR NO SPECIFIC PERCENTAGE FIGURE. BELGIAN REP, UNDER "FIRM INSTRUCTIONS" STATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES FAVORED A FIGURE OF 3 OR EVEN POSSIBLY 5 PERCENT, AND COMMENTED THAT BELGIUM DOES NOT BELIEVE IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN EXISTING CAPABILITIES WITHOUT A REAL INCREASE OF AT LEAST 3 PERCENT. HE QUESTIONED HOW OTHER ALLIES COULD REDUCE REAL SPENDING AND STILL CLAIM THAT CAPABILITIES WERE NOT BEING DIMINISHED. UK REP ARGUED THAT IN VIEW OF THE WIDE DIFFERENCE IN ALLIES' ECONOMIC SITUATIONS, THE ONLY REALISTIC SOLUTION WILL BE A RANGE OF ZERO TO "BLANK". THE US REP SAID THAT ZERO TO 5 PERCENT HAD BEEN INADEQUATE IN MG-75 AND THAT SOMETHING BETTER HAD TO BE DEvised. HE STRESSED CONFIDENTIAL

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THE IMPORTANCE THE US ATTACHES TO THIS QUESTION, WHICH PROBABLY COULD ONLY BE RECONCILED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS. THE REVISED DRAFT WILL, THEREFORE, CONTAIN THREE VERSIONS OF BRACKETED LANGUAGE: "AT LEAST....," "UP TO..." AND "APPROACHING 3 PERCENT."

-- DUTCH REP, SUPPORTED BY UK REP, SUGGESTED THE ADDITION OF A NUMBER OF CRITERIA OF RELATIVE DEFENSE EFFORT TO PARA 38, INCLUDING ECONOMIC STRENGTH, PRESENT FORCE CONTRIBUTION AND PER CAPITA DEFENSE EXPENDITURES. UK REP PROPOSED THE SUBSTITUTION OF THE "NATO EUROPE AVERAGES" FOR THE "NATO AVERAGES" IN THE THIRD SENTENCE. US REP RESPONDED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO RECONCILE HAVING SEPARATE EUROPEAN AND ALLIANCE-WIDE MEASURES OF RELATIVE DEFENSE EFFORT AND, JOINED BY CHAIRMAN AND CANADIAN REP, COMMENTED THAT THE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA PROPOSED BY THE NETHERLANDS WOULD SERVE ONLY TO OBFUSCATE THE GUIDANCE'S CENTRAL MESSAGE THAT A REAL INCREASE IN DEFENSE EFFORT IS REQUIRED.

8. SECTION VII, ALLIANCE COOPERATION. COMMITTEE AGREED TO DUTCH AND US REPS' SUGGESTION TO AMEND LEAD PARAGRAPH OF THIS SECTION, DRAWING FROM LANGUAGE OF MG-75, TO NOTE THAT NATO RESOURCES ARE NOT

BEING EMPLOYED IN THE OPTIMUM MANNER, AND THAT, THOUGH SOVEREIGNTY IS BOUND TO PLACE SOME LIMITS ON THE DEGREE TO WHICH INTEGRATION OF COMMON PROGRAMS CAN BE ACHIEVED, THERE IS MUCH ROOM FOR BETTER ALLOCATION OF DEFENSE RESOURCES. US REP'S PROPOSAL FOR AN ADDITIONAL INTRODUCTORY PARA WAS REJECTED, BUT SUBSTANCE WAS LARGELY INCORPORATED INTO EXPANDED PARA ON FLEXIBILITY AND RATIONALIZATION. IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSION, BELGIAN REP INTERVENED STRONGLY, ON INSTRUCTIONS, TO THE EFFECT THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE FOR COOPERATION BUT NOT FOR INTEGRATION OF NATO DEFENSE PLANNING. AS LONG AS THERE WAS NO POLITICAL INTEGRATION IN EUROPE OR IN THE ALLIANCE, HE ADDED, INTEGRATION OF DEFENSE WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. MOREOVER, HE SAID, IF IT WERE THE SENSE OF THE COMMITTEE THAT INTEGRATION OF NATO DEFENSE PLANNING WAS AN AIM, HE WOULD "BOW", BUT THAT IN THE VIEW OF HIS AUTHORITIES, GIVEN LACK OF POLITICAL INTEGRATION, SUCH INTEGRATION OF DEFENSES WOULD AMOUNT TO "COLLECTIVE SUICIDE." ADDITIONALLY, IN THIS SECTION, THE DRC: (A) TITLED PARA 40 "RATIONALIZATION AND FLEXIBILITY" AND EXPANDED ITS SCOPE TO COVER INTER-CONFIDENTIAL

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OPERABILITY OF COMMUNICATIONS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND CIVIL-MILITARY COOPERATION, (B) REJECTED AN FRG SUGGESTION TO REFER TO WORK OF THE EPG, STRESSING THE NEED FOR EPG-NATO LINKS, AND (C) ADOPTED US REP'S SUGGESTION TO ENTITLE PARA 45 "IMPACT ON NATO PLANNING" AND TO EXPAND ITS SCOPE TO COVER ALL NATO COOPERATIVE EFFORTS, STRESSING THAT PLANNING MECHANISMS FOR VARIOUS DEFENSE SUPPORT

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PROGRAMS SHOULD BE HARMONIZED, AND THAT THE RESULTANT PLANNING APPARATUS SHOULD BE DOVETAILED WITH THE PRESENT NATO FORCE PLANNING PROCEDURES "IN A FULLY COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO ALLIANCE DEFENSE PLANNING."

9. SECTION VIII, PRIORITIES FOR DEFENSE PLANNING. DRC QUICKLY DIVIDED ON WHETHER THIS SECTION SHOULD BE INCLUDED AT ALL; US, CANADIAN, FRG, AND DANISH REPS FAVORING IT (THE LATTER TWO WITH A SUGGESTION THAT THE TITLE BE CHANGED TO "GUIDELINES FOR DEFENSE PLANNING") AND NETHERLANDS, UK AND BELGIAN REPS OPPOSED, ON GROUNDS THAT SECTION V WOULD STATE MINISTERIAL GUIDELINES, AND THAT FURTHER PRIORITIES SHOULD BE DEVELOPED BY THE NMSA. SHAPE AND SACLANT REPS TENDED TO FAVOR INCLUSION OF A PRIORITIES SECTION, BUY MC REP NOTED, IN EFFECT, THAT IF SUCH A SECTION WERE INCLUDED, IT SHOULD BE VERY COMPREHENSIVE. UK REP SUGGESTED A RETURN TO THE PRIORITIES STATEMENTS OF MG-75. AFTER A LENGTHY DISCUSSION, THE DRC AGREED TO: (A) RETAIN PARA 46 VIRTUALLY INTACT, (B) TO BRACKET THE TWO WORDS "COLLECTIVE" AND "COALITION" IN PARA 47, (C) TO ADOPT THE FIRST "TIC" FOLLOWING PARA 47, (D) TO REPLACE THE SECOND "TIC" WITH MORE COMPREHENSIVE LANGUAGE
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ON THE SAME SUBJECT FROM MG-75, AND (E) TO RETAIN THE THIRD "TIC" UNDER PARA 47, IN BRACKETS (WITH ITS LANGUAGE BEING FAVORED BY THE US, CANADIAN AND PORTUGUESE REPS). CINCHAN REP ALSO AGREED TO THIS LATTER LANGUAGE, PROVIDED "MINE COUNTERMEASURES" WERE ADDED. NMA REPS ALSO FAVORED INCLUSION OF EW AND CHEMICAL WARFARE IN PARA 47. REGARDING TRADE-OFFS, DRC AGREED TO CHANGE THE WORD "TRADE-OFFS" TO "ADJUSTMENTS IN NATIONAL PLANS," AND TO INCORPORATE ESSENCE OF PARA 48 LANGUAGE INTO PARA 47.

10. SECTION X, GUIDANCE.

A. GUIDANCE FOR NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES (PARAS 51, 52). COMMITTEE AGREED WITH A US PROPOSAL TO ADD PARAGRAPHS INVITING THE NMAS TO PROPOSE ADJUSTMENTS IN NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAMS TO MEET NATO NEEDS AND DIRECTING THE NMAS TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TOP PRIORITY FORCE PROPOSALS AND TO PROMOTE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS. LITTLE SUPPORT EMERGED FOR US REP'S PROPOSAL THAT THE NMAS FUNCTIONALLY GROUP FORCE PROPOSALS AND INDICATE THE EXTENT TOWHICH THEIR PROPOSALS WOULD CORRECT THE DEFICIENCIES IDENTIFIED IN THE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT. MC AND UK REPS NOTED THAT THESE PROVISIONS WERE COVERED IN A NEW MC PAPER ON THE PRESENTATION OF FORCE PROPOSALS (MCM 9-77).

B. GUIDANCE FOR NATIONS (PARAS 53-59. AT US REP'S SUGGESTION COMMITTEE AMENDED PARA 54 TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE DEFICIENCIES AND PRIORITIES DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS V AND VIII, AND ADDED A PARAGRAPH URGING NATIONS TO CONSIDER ADJUSTMENTS IN THEIR PLANS TO CORRECT CRITICAL ALLIANCE DEFICIENCIES.

C. GUIDANCE FOR THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CANADIAN REP, ALLIES STRONGLY OPPOSED US REP'S PROPOSED GUIDANCE TO THE DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION. THE CHAIRMAN AND A NUMBER OF REPS COMMENTED THAT INCLUSION OF SUCH DIRECTIVES WOULD BE "INSULTING" TO THE PERMREPS, IMPLYING THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES, AND WOULD RAISE A "CONSTITUTIONAL" ISSUE IN THAT THE DPC IN MINISTERIAL SESSION WOULD BE DIRECTING THE DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION. US REP COMMENTED THAT SUCH GUIDANCE

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BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY IN ALL ALLIANCE PLANNING ACTIVITIES;
NOTED THAT MINISTERS REGULARLY DIRECT FOLLOW-ON ACTION
TO THE DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION; AND CITED SYG LUNS
COVER NOTE TO MG-75, WHICH INSTRUCTED THE DPC TO
MONITOR PROGRESS AND INITIATE ACTION TO ENSURE THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUIDANCE. CANADIAN REP STATED
THAT OTTAWA SUPPORTS THE CONCEPT OF GUIDANCE TO THE
DPC. (FRG REP SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED US REP THAT
FRG PERMREP WAS RECOMMENDING THAT BONN SUPPORT THE
US PROPOSAL). GUIDANCE TO THE DPC WILL APPEAR IN
BRACKETS IN THE NEXT DRAFT.

11. DRC WILL ADDRESS A NEW DRAFT (WHICH WE WILL FORWARD WHEN
RECEIVED) AND RESUME DISCUSSION EARLY IN THE WEEK OF APRIL 18,
WITH THE GOAL OF SUBMITTING A TEXT TO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES
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